

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly believe that educational opportunities must be increased in order for students to be prepared to accept the roles of societal leaders which await them in the near future; and

Whereas, the citizens of the city of Fulton in Callaway County stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs because they provide a safe, friendly learning environment for kids that boosts their academic achievement, support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends, build strong communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, and encourage families to become more effective partners in children's education; and

Whereas, Students and Tutors Achieving Real Success (STARS) and the Missouri 4-H (Community Youth Development Program) Computer Lab Project have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping children become successful adults; and

Whereas, Lights on Afterschool is a national celebration of afterschool programs which will take place on October 9, 2003, to promote the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and

Whereas, STARS and Missouri 4-H Computer Lab Project are sponsoring the Lights on Afterschool! celebration on October 9, 2003, at the John C. Harris Community Center in order to demonstrate the use of Everyday Math, introduce creative game playing on computers, and allow students to meet their volunteer mentors; and

Whereas, parents, concerned citizens, community groups, political leaders, health and social services agencies, and business and religious groups are encouraged to participate in Lights on Afterschool! activities as a way to enhance awareness of existing programs, encourage community support, and increase funding:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the leadership and contributions so generously given by the STARS and 4-H organizations and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for unparalleled success on October 9, 2003, during the Lights on Afterschool! celebration at the John C. Harris Community Center in Fulton; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in recognition of the Fulton Lights on Afterschool! celebration.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4339, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker